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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk / Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's 2021 Avoided
Cost Proceeding Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-20(A)
Docket No. 2021-89-E (Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)
Docket No. 2021-90-E (Duke Energy Progress, LLC)

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I write this letter on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") and Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" and together with DEC, the "Companies") in response to Commission Directives 2021-520 and 2021-527. In those directives the Commission established the scope of work and schedule for the Commission's third-party consultant, London Economics International, LLC ("London Economics") to review the dockets and file its report and for the parties to present responsive testimony to that report.

The Companies have now had an opportunity to review the Independent Report on Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's 2021 Avoided Cost Proceeding filed by London Economics on August 23, 2021 (the "London Economics Report"). With this letter, the Companies inform the Commission that they do not intend to pre-file any responsive testimony by the September 15, 2021 deadline and do not foresee the need to submit testimony, evidence or argument regarding the London Economics Report.

Assuming the Commission proceeds with further hearing on September 16 and 17, 2021, as scheduled, the Companies do not intend for their witnesses to re-appear to present any live responsive testimony but reserve the right to cross-examine the London Economics' witness(es) during the hearing should circumstances warrant.

The Companies have consulted with counsel for the other parties to the Stipulated Settlement Agreement as well as the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs and Johnson Development Associates, Inc., and understand that none of those parties plan to submit a response to the London Economics Report, and



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currently do not foresee the need to submit testimony or evidence regarding the London Economics Report. However, we understand that the other parties also reserve their right to cross-examine the London Economics' witness(es) during the hearing and to present appropriate arguments should the circumstances warrant.

Yours truly,

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